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—R. R.

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Electric Eye Plate Markings

By Bob Richardson

THE ELECTRIC EYE is possibly best known to the average person, as being the mysterious "something" which opens and closes doors, without the need of anyone touching a switch. Many per-

postal needs are concerned and it is probable that this will not be set as a goal.

The individual stamps, printed from electric eye plates, as we said before, differ only that they are better centered

does not collect, plate markings.

The illustration shows the plate layout for Type III. The markings are not reproduced exactly to scale, but are intended to show their approximate appearance on the plate. The vertical

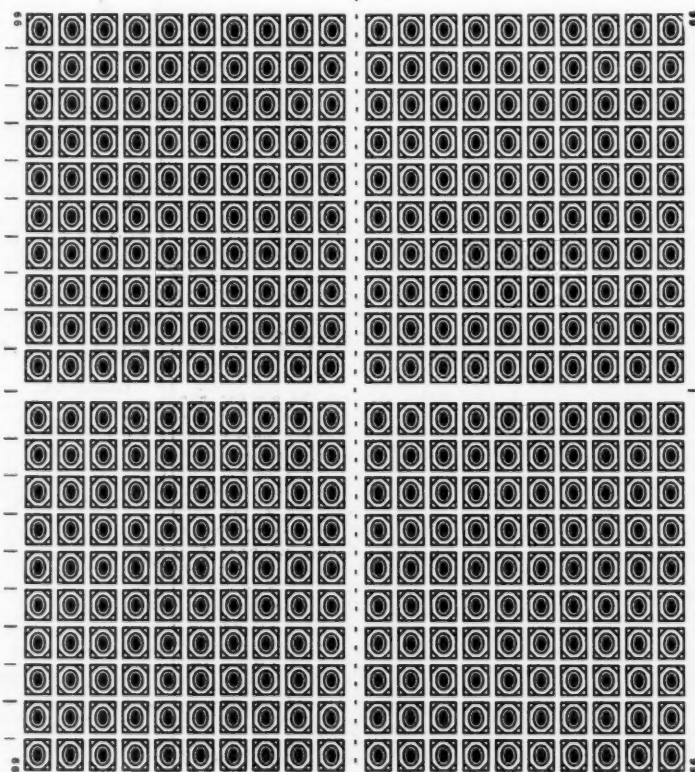
dashes are found two per stamp, usually the top of a dash being exactly opposite the top of the stamps in that row. With the solitary dash in right margins omitted the layout would be TYPE II. With plate numbers opposite the third horizontal row of stamps in upper panes and eighth rows in lower panes and all dashes in left margin omitted, the layout would be Type 1.

Now to the markings. The plates used in electric eye printings are the same size plates as used for ordinary printings. In some instances ordinary plates were simply equipped with the added markings.

First experiments were with the 2c 1923 design, rotary press printing, (Scotts' #634). Plates 21149 and 21150 were prepared in 1933 and stamps from these plates were issued to post offices in February, 1935. The plate layout differed from the normal 400-sub-

(and some dispute that!). Single stamps from these sheets cannot be identified from non-electric eye printings unless they have attached a portion of the selvage with distinctive Eye plate marking printed thereon. Consequently electric eye stamps are not a separate issue of catalogue importance, but are of interest only insofar as one collects, or

ject rotary press as described in LINN'S Oct. 5, in that the plate numbers were located opposite the third stamp up from the bottom or down from the top; had a series of heavy vertical dashes about $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart running the length of the vertical gutter between panes; and had a heavy horizontal $\frac{1}{2}$ " dash in the right margin opposite the center of the



anyone touching a switch. Many persons have their garage doors connected to an Electric Eye unit. This is placed down the driveway some distance and operates on the theory that as a person or car passes by, it interrupts a beam of light thrown across the drive, this "shadow" in turn immediately affecting a very sensitive electrical unit which throws a switch and the doors open or close as the case may be. The electric eye is used on billboards to turn the lights off or on as the sun rises or sets; and has many other practical uses. In stamp printing it has been adopted as an aid to better centering of perforations by equipping the printed sheet with spots of solid color (the "dashes" or "slugs" found on sheet margins) and these act just as does the "shadow" in closing the door, causing the perforating machinery to shift the paper to left or right, up or down. The net result insofar as the stamp collector is concerned is that, on the average, our stamps are better centered. To the Post Office, the result is economy in printing since there is less waste in printing caused by perforations missing their customary position. While it may be that the Eye will produce eventually, practically perfect centered stamps, this is not necessary so far as

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horizontal gutter between panes. Though it has been claimed that unused single stamps from this printing and later ones can be identified by the angle of the gum breakers on the back, the only stamps identifiable by means of sheet marginal markings are, in addition to the plate number and corner blocks, those stamps adjoining the vertical gutter and whose sheet margins would contain dashes, also stamps #100 of upper right pane and stamp #10 of the lower right pane, either of which might have the horizontal marginal dash on their margins.

The plate numbers were moved on these first plates, from their usual corner position as a result of the machine at first being unable to cope with their normal corner position. They had less effect in the position opposite the third row.

In preparing the second pair of plates, 21367-21368, the spacing of the vertical dashes is uneven and readily noticeable at the top or bottom of the vertical gutter. In place of the large solid horizontal dash at right, a series of very short thin vertical lines have replaced it, giving practically the same appearance, but supposedly facilitating printing in some way or other. Hugh M. Southgate in the *Bureau Specialist* offers the suggestion the solid splash of color from the first type of dash did not dry readily; while the series of fine lines avoided this difficulty, yet had the same effect as a solid dash on the machine.

With the next pair of plates, a thin $\frac{1}{4}$ " dash was adopted for the right marginal marking and this has since remained as standard for that marking. First plates were 2c (No. 634) 21399 and 21402. A number of plates were made of this style, also four plates (21895-96-97-98) of the 2c Presidential. These were the Presidential Electric Eyes issued on June 3, 1938. The B. I. A. refers to this type of Electric Eye as Type I.

A new machine using the electric eye perforating device was ready for use shortly after the Presidentials were introduced. The markings for this machine are the same as previous Electric Eye plates except that the right marginal dash has been removed and along the left margins of the two left panes we find a series of horizontal dashes opposite the top of each row of stamps except the first row in each pane. In the center of the left end of the gutter is also a horizontal dash. The plate numbers are restored in this layout to their position next the corner stamps of each pane, and have since remained there. The first such plates were 21999 and 22002 of the 2c Adams and they appeared "first day" at the Agency on April 5, 1939. The Bureau Issues Association terms this type of Electric Eye marking as Type II.

In September of 1939, the Post Office Department in announcing new stamp plates completed the previous month, referred to several as "Electric Eye, Convertible." These plates had markings just as Type II except that the dash as found in right margin on Type I had been replaced. By adding this marking the sheets could be perforated on either the old or new perforating machine. This

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Vermont Commemorative May Be Next Issue

A strong movement to have a stamp issued next March 4 for the 150th anniversary of admission of the state of Vermont is reported from Washington. The state was admitted to the Union on March 4, 1791 after a period of approximately 15 years existence as a practically independent state. Disputes over land grants brought on violence between Vermont residents and those of New York and during the Revolutionary War the Vermont forces acted as an almost independent command in action against the British and Indians. Conciliatory measures at the end of the war resulted in a compromise and the entry of the state, one of the most democratic in practice, into the federal union. It is expected the new stamp, if issued, will be sold first day at the present capital, Montpelier. No official announcement however of such a stamp has been made, but the issue appears to be certain of appearing. Watch for further details.

"Pitcairns" Is Correct

The explanation of the plural inscription "Pitcairn Islands" on the new stamps for the lonely isle was located after our Dec. 7 edition went to press. In 1902 the islands of Henderson, Ducie and Oeno were annexed by Britain and incorporated with Pitcairn Island as a group. So the inscription "Pitcairn Islands" is correct though we have no information that the three other islands have any use whatsoever for postage stamps.

* As a result of discontinuance of the narrow gauge passenger trains over Marshall Pass, Colorado, the post office of that name will be discontinued on Dec. 31. The postmaster used a three-line cachet on outbound mail to advertise his office's location on the highest rail point in North America.

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"Arrangements have recently been made with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the acceptance of full sheets of National Parks stamps of this issue as well as full sheets of the souvenir issues of 1-cent and 3-cent National Parks stamps from the holders thereof for gumming of such sheets has been received Bureau of Engraving and Printing. This is not being done in the belief that it will make the stamps more valuable, but in order to conform to similar sheets now outstanding.

"To date only one request for the gumming of such sheets has been received in the Department, and this order is in process of filling."

Collectors should note that the gumming will be applied only to full sheets of the 12 imperforate varieties sold in that manner at the Philatelic Agency in 1935. It is not known if the catalogues will recognize as a separate issue the gummed sheets inasmuch as separate recognition is not given stamps which differ from others only by their having or lacking gum.

New Envelope Contract

Another four-year contract for manufacturing envelopes has been made by the Post Office Department with the International Envelope Corp. of Dayton, O. The contract goes into effect on January 1, 1941. Only certain change as a result of the new contract will be a change in the watermark in the paper used. This will bear the date "1941" instead of the date "1937" as on present stock. While the subject of new designs of the stamps has been discussed, nothing definite on that has been announced. Dies are made locally in Dayton for the envelope company by an engraving firm. Most proposed designs are not practical due to the limitations of the embossing process, which restricts the subject. The new contract calls for over 7,000,000,000 envelopes at a cost of a little more than \$11,000,000.

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Philippine Notes

By PABLO M. ESPERIDION
Manila, Philippines

During the past ten years, many babies were born in the Philippines, and as of May 30, 1940, the population of the Islands chalked up to 16,000,303, and not 13,266,700 as given in the Scott Catalogue of 1941. Two million plus is a whale of a difference, Mr. Clark, so if you need some help from the Islands, just howl.

Apropos of catalogues. From "the leading reprint edition bookshop" in Shanghai, an unsolicited price list was received by this correspondent, on Nov. 27, and among the reprints listed therein, are the Scott and Gibbons catalogues of 1941. Each catalogue is priced at 13½ Shanghai dollars, or around 41 cents in good American money. With the invasion of the stamp market by this ersatz merchandise, wonder what the New York boys and the London intelligentsia would do about it.

A watermark of Cuba (a five-point large star) doctored on a stamp of Ceylon (Scott No. 7) was a very cunning forgery produced by stamp racketeers. This ingenious forgery was shown to this correspondent by a Manila collector recently.

Charlie Chaplin, actor, director, and producer of the talkies, "The Dictator," has a postage-stamp mustache, according to a review of this film which was published in a recent issue of a Manila newspaper.

Meanwhile, Charlie Chase, who has the leading male part in the "Frightful Bride," a screen short exhibited at a Manila movie recently, made a wild-geese chase of a supposed carrier-pigeon stamp in said talkies. As a matter of entertainment the film was rich with fun, but

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philatelically, it was loaded with philatelic ignorance. Parenthetically, Charlie should visit either Adolphe Menjou or Bela Lugosi, once in a blue moon, for some philatelic coaching.

To commemorate its Fiftieth Anniversary, on Oct. 4, a new meter slogan was used by the San Miguel Brewery, Manila. The slogan reads: "Golden Jubilee—1890-1940—San Miguel Brewery." Incidentally, the SMB are owners and operators of the Meuhlebach Brewery Co. in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Lone Star Brewery, in San Antonio, Texas. Mention of these breweries is made, just in case you're collecting beer labels like Mrs. Bessie Ingraham, of Coopersville, Michigan, or in the event you have a penchant for "bottled spirits" (Hic!).

Eulalia Turner, writing in her women's philatelic column in a Pacific Coast paper, with Stuart A. Liebman, a one-year visitor to the Islands, as her stamptic dopest, said a mouthful on Filipino stamp activities. Broadcasting in her "colyum," Miss (or Mrs.) E. T. said that "natives don't savvy hinges" and that "the natives get a stamp, smear it back-side with glue and bingo!", etc.

If columnist E. T. could identify, at least six (just six) native collectors who don't savvy hinges and smear the back sides of their stamps with glue, this native correspondent will gladly eat, six back issues of the women's philatelic "colyum" of Miss E. T.

Flash! Miss Elaine Rawlinson of New York, prize-winner of the nation-wide contest of the U. S. Presidential stamp design series, is the designer of the new 2-centavo stamps of the Philippines, it was learned by this correspondent from the Director of Posts.

Design submitted by Miss Rawlinson was among those which were received by the First National Stamp Design Contest, conducted by the Asociacion Fila-

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telica de Filipinas, in which a cash prize of 100 pesos was offered by the AFF, the contest having closed last May 30. It portrays a vignette of Dr. Jose Rizal, national hero of the Philippines, a figure well identified on several issues of the Islands. This design will appear on the new 2-centavo postage stamps of the Philippines and the color of the stamp will be light green.

In a letter dated Nov. 28, received by this correspondent from the Director of Posts anent this new 2-centavo stamp, it states in part: "... as regards the new 2-centavo Rizal, this office has requested the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D. C., to expedite the printing thereof so that the first shipment may be received in Manila on or before the end of February, 1941."

With the approval of this design for the new 2-centavo stamps of the Philippines, congratulations to Miss Rawlinson are in order.

Aside from the design submitted by Miss Rawlinson, two other designs were approved by the local postal authorities, it was also learned by this correspondent from the Director of Posts. The two other accepted designs were prepared by Oscar Espiritu, of Minal. One of Espiritu's designs shows a bunch of Waling-Waling's orchids, the Tiffany flowers, or most expensive orchids in the Philippines. In case you are collecting orchids, a full-grown Waling-Waling will cost only to the tune of \$500, and in American money. Blossoms of a Waling-Waling plant last from four to six months. However, a Waling-Waling stem will cost you just \$5, its blossoms lasting from 15 to 20 days.

The other design submitted by Oscar Espiritu, portrays a Moro "vinta" (sailboat) with a Clipper plane soaring above. At this writing (Dec. 4) no decision has been made as yet as to what denomination will be incorporated on these two other designs.

Pan-American Airways completed five years of trans-Pacific air mail service on Nov. 22, according to the PAA Manila Office. During this period, the PAA Clippers have flown 3,715,553 miles, carried 6,481 passengers, and 13,480,000 letters.

Manila is regarded at present as a western terminal rather than a "stop" on the PAA's trans-Pacific route.

Plans for the extension of the PAA Clipper service from Manila to Singapore are under way, according to Colonel Clarence E. Young, manager of the Pacific division of the PAA, who arrived in Manila, on Dec. 1st.

In a statement to the press, Colonel Young said that the Civil Aeronautics Authority has not yet set the date for a hearing on the application of the PAA for the Manila-Singapore extension, but he expressed the hope that action would be taken soon.

The PAA executive also said that the establishment of the Manila-Singapore extension would close the aerial gap between the Philippines and Malaysia, since from Singapore there are scheduled air lines to the Netherlands East Indies and neighboring areas. This gap has been called the last "missing link" in the United States-Orient-Australia air service.

Upon inquiry made from the PAA Manila Office as to whether or not they will service covers for the proposed Manila-Singapore extension flight, this correspondent was advised that for the present they are unable to offer any enlightening information. However, any further developments will be announced in this column.

A new coat of arms, emblematic of the Commonwealth, was approved by the Commonwealth Government, on Aug. 19, 1940. Bearing a new design, there's a possibility of its inclusion as one of the designs for the proposed stamps of the Islands.

Winner of the letter-writing contest on "Why I Collect Philippine Stamps" held under the auspices of the Philippine Philatelic Writers' Club, was Jose Francisco, of Malanday, Polo, Bulacan, who

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THE AKRON ANNUAL PARTY Dec. 7-8 was again the meeting place for collectors and dealers from half a dozen states. 122 attended the banquet at which Cuyahoga County Recorder Don Lybarger gave an excellent talk on philatelic ethics and philosophy. Dealers while not complaining, uniformly remarked that the stamp business has not been good the past few months, attributing this to the fact that many collectors have less spare time and also to the government's huge stamp program diverting much of the collector's cash toward the post office. Dayton's Buckey had an unusual lot of material, being plate numbers from the first Bureau printings, numbers 1 and the other low numbers. Not much in new issues were in evidence in contrast with other years. Many nice items were among the bourse offerings, but sales were of low-price items. Editor "R. R." who has hopefully saved door prize numbers innumerable without winning anything, finally won this time and the prize was: a year's subscription to LINN'S! The exhibit featured topical collections and eye-catching exhibit of the lot was a frame of first issue postcards with unusual cancels, all from the same recent find. And that's just about all we made notes of, since we had our nose stuck in bourse stuff most of the time and therefore missed all the scandal — if there was any?

A LETTER FROM LONDON FROM G. Cameron Rapkin telling of his interest upon reading of Phil Weiss' 50th anniversary party. The two men have been doing business with each other for many years and Mr. Rapkin speaks highly of Phil. He mentions the Weiss card index which is so carefully and completely kept that he can tell exactly what any specialty cost him as long as ten years ago. A methodical man is uncommon among dealers, as most of them will admit.

ONE OF THESE DAYS WE ARE GO- ing to print a column telling the real names of the various philatelic columnists who hide behind various pen names with more or less success. Prof. Lowell Ragatz, who writes as "George Van Den Berg" in Stamps, is mentioned in a recent Washington Sunday Star column by James Waldo Fawcett.

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WHILE WE WERE CRITICIZED BY at least on collector for our critical editorial on Canada's proposed new Agency regulations, we note that the *Philatelic Trader*, Britain's stamp trade paper, caustically criticizes the Canadian service for its threat to require purchasers to sign statements that stamps will be retained mint. The move is termed a "crowning absurdity" by the *Trader*.

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Rogers Stamp Indefinite

No definite announcement has been made of a Will Rogers stamp. Date of issue is still uncertain. Captain A. C. Townsend advises that the new Claremore mausoleum will not be completed until for at least three months. At that time Rogers' body will be returned to Claremore, news items state. Ramsey Black, Third Assistant Postmaster General, in a letter to "Cap" said, "The Department has the application for a stamp of this character on file for consideration with the program of 1941. In the event of final approval of a Will Rogers stamp, very careful attention will be given to your suggestion that the first day sale thereof be held at Claremore, Okla."

• On December 31 the following post offices will close: Arpan and Mason, S. Dak.; Hulette and Waitman, Ky.; Tavera, Wisc.; Gloria, La.; and Costello, Pa.

• When a committee selected the 100 finest gifts in the Gimbels Brothers department store, two items produced by Jacques Minkus' stamp department were included, his Pan-American Union and Famous Americans albums.

• Pitcairn Island was named for the midshipman on the explorer Carteret's ship, first of the ship's company to sight the island. This occurred in 1767.

• More army camp post offices established include Camp Holabird, Baltimore, Md. and on January 1 Camp Bowie at Brownwood, Texas.

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Costa Rica Opens Agency

By Decree #20 signed September 17 by President Calderon Guardia, Costa Rica has established a philatelic agency, officially termed "Costan Rican Philatelic Office." Opened in November, the office applied a cachet commemorating the event to its announcement of stock on hand. Stamps on sale at face value include scattered values of issues as far back as the regular series of 1923, the current official stamps and two postage due stamps. The colon is officially stated to be worth \$0.17825 U. S. Collectors can obtain copies of the list upon application to the office at San Jose, Costa Rica. An experienced philatelist, Rodrigo Perera, is in charge.

On December 31 these post offices will close, Province Lake, N. H.; Kanima, Okla.; Running Water, S. Dak. and Hawlin, Va.

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The post office of Venter, Va. on January 1 will change its name to Turpin.

• Koritza, the key Albanian town captured by the Greeks, once had its own stamps issued under authority of the French-inspired "Republic of Koritza." These are the 1917-18 stamps inscribed "KORCE" at top and depicting a double-headed eagle.

First Defense Base P. O. To Be at Newfoundland

On January 6 on board the U. S. Army's transport America will be established the "American Forces in Newfoundland Branch, New York, N. Y." post office. The office will be located ashore at Newfoundland later.

First Day Calendar

1½c Martha Washington sheet stamps with Electric Eye markings (the addition of these markings on the sheet margins being the only difference) to be issued Jan. 16 at the Philatelic Agency and Washington, D. C., post office. P. O. will not service covers.

• On December 31 the post offices of Leader, Colo., Gardiner, New Mexico, Redington, Arizona, Oakmont, W. Va., and Spearmore, Okla. will close.

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Christmas Seal Identification

We omitted mention in our Nov. 23 description of the new Christmas Seals, that the small letter "D" found on the 56th stamp of some sheets is the printer's mark of the Edwards and Deutsch Lithographing Co. The other three printers marks were described.

• So isolated has Greenland become due to the war, that an English collector's first day cover was 13 months in transit.

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Philippine Notes

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received the prize of 100 different censored covers offered by the PPWC.

Due to the number of interesting entries received, the PPWC had decided to award six consolation prizes. Entries awarded consolation prizes were submitted by:

Miss Helen King, Cranford, N. J. Mrs. Carolyn Defew Davis, Peekskill, N. Y. Mrs. H. S. Leighton, Boston, Mass. Miss Margaret A. Corrigan, Detroit, Mich. Robert A. Bohlen, Pearl River, N. Y. Dr. Richard J. Morg, Rhinecliff, N. Y. Harold J. van Gordon, Santa Cruz, Cal., and William T. Lawing, Marionville, Mo.

Each of these will receive three censored covers each. Most clever entry awarded a consolation prize was submitted by Miss Helen King, who wrote a letter consisting only of one line, reading: "I collect Philippine stamps because they are a quantity of quality."

It seems everybody is giving something for the National Philatelic Auctions for Refugee Relief. How about you, brother?

In spite of the hundreds of contestants who submitted designs and sketches for the Elizalde Christmas Seal Contest, Frederico V. Colman, of 414 Herrera, Manila, who sent in only an idea, was declared the winner. The idea submitted by F.V.C. was symbolic of agriculture and commerce in the Philippines, and for such an idea he was awarded the prize of 50 pesos offered by Elizalde & Co., Inc., Manila.

By the time these notes go into print, the holiday season will be in full swing, and this correspondent wishes therefore to take this opportunity of wishing every reader of this column—A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Large Find of Covers

Creating much comment in philatelic circles is the large find of early covers made last summer by Robert H. Goodell of Lancaster, Pa., details of which were only recently made public in the *New York Times*. The correspondence was found in the Columbia Bank, Columbia, Pa. and included 4,000 3c 1851, 96 5c 1847, 21 10c 1847, one New York Postmaster provisional, 700 3c 1857 and many stampless and others. Outstanding item seems to be a pair of the 1861 3c Pink with year dated cancellation of August 24, 1861, believed to be the finest cover item of this stamp known to exist.

Conglomerates from Chicago

By SEYMOUR A. RISH

Stephen Collins Foster, who appears on the 1-cent Composer stamp of the Famous Americans Series, has been elected to the Hall of Fame. He is the first musician to be added to this select group of 72 other great Americans.

Edwin Brooks, Stamp and Coin Editor of the *Chicago Herald-American*, supplied the following two items.

"If you've dexterity, skill or craft, That will help if you're caught in the draft—"

But what of the men who, called to camps, Had for their hobby collecting stamps?

—Philatelist.
(Reprinted from "La Salle Street," by Ralf Gall, of the *Chicago Daily News*.)

For the first time a full load of mail has been taken from a Pan-American flying boat. The cargo of 3,878 pounds of mail was seized by British censors at Bermuda, states the Nov. 23 *Chicago Daily Tribune*.

Harry Himelfarb, 1620 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md., writes that he has a 10-cent Jane Addams first day cover on the back of a 2-cent Trans-Mississippi cover postmarked, "Chicago, Sept. 6, 1898." His reasons for preparing this interesting cover are: (1) Chicago was the scene of Miss Addams greatest work—the famous Hull House. (2) Sept. 6 is the anniversary of her birth. (3) The name "Heroes of Peace" is certainly true in the case of Miss Addams, she having won the Nobel Peace Award. (4) The 2-cent Trans-Miss. stamp with its familiar Farming Scene, is a perfect illustration of the Biblical injunction for peace, "... and thou shalt beat thy swords into plowshares ..."

I should like to hear from others who have items of similar interest. Drop me a few lines about any item in your collection, stamps, covers, and so forth, which have a Chicago interest.

Dick Palmer, S. Main St., Knox, Ind., has asked me to mention that he would appreciate hearing from collectors of Christmas Seals.

My appreciation and thanks to Mrs. H. D. Haight of Rochester, N. Y., for the British centennial and American Philatelic Congress covers.

Weather conditions and wartime censorship are twin barriers to speedy air-mail service between the United States and Europe that neither the postal service nor Pan-American Airways has been able to hurdle, reports the Dec. 1 *Chicago Sunday Tribune*.

Officials expressed little hope of any immediate solution of the situation, but said they were "open to suggestions." They said they were not very hopeful of improvement.

The Clipper mails have been kept in ports for 15 days due to mechanical troubles and storms.

The Progressive Philatelic Society, 3008 N. Whipple, is selling club stickers, in order to finance their distribution of free Christmas packets of postage stamps, seals and poster stamps for shut-ins.

Club secretaries should advise Mr. Rish of any changes in meeting dates or places.

- Retail stamp dealers must now pay in England a purchase tax ranging from one-sixth to one-third the amount of goods purchased from wholesalers. The tax does not apply to stamps, but to practically all accessories.

- The first specially designed stamps for Albania were prepared by the Italian Government Printing works at Turin, Italy, in 1913. The design depicted Scanderberg, legendary hero of Albania.

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Many New York Dealers have taken advantage of the Bureau of Engraving's invitation to gum the 12 varieties of the Farley Issues. One dealer who sent all the varieties for gumming received very courteous treatment from the Bureau. He was called twice by long distance, to have explained to him that all 20 varieties could not be gummed. This action by the Bureau nullifies the value of the licks sheets.

The largest shipment of German occupation stamps was received in New York this week. The shipment was brought in by the purser on the Portuguese ship Nyassa. The wholesaler who gambled on this shipment was certainly happy to see it arrive. To-day he hasn't one set in stock.

The new Costa Rican set, is the latest limited issue from countries south of the border. This new set is an overprint on an issue which was printed last year but never used. The issue was limited to an edition of 1500 complete sets.

Emil Breuchig airmail dealer of New York City reported the finding of a sheet of the current 6c bi-colored airmail stamp with vertical perforations missing on part of the sheet. It was possible to secure the following pieces, a top plate block of 6, one strip of 3, and 3 pairs. The vertical perforations run through the balance of the sheet at an angle of 45 degrees. This variety consequently is far scarcer than the horizontal imperforate, of which 40 sheets were found.

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The New York Stamp Auction for refugee relief has been indefinitely postponed due to the enormous volume of work in preparing the auction catalogue. However, the committee has announced that they still have room for better-grade singles and sets.

This being the issue before Christmas, I want to extend the Season's Greetings to all the readers of Linn's.

It's "Ohlman Galleries" Now

In connection with the recent move of M. Ohlman to larger quarters at 116 Nassau St., New York City, the firm has changed its name from simply that of the owner to "Ohlman Galleries." They are busy at present preparing one of their finest auction sales, which will be conducted at the ATEX exhibition, March 29, at Atlantic City.

Stamp Club Activities

Chicago, Ill. — North Shore Philatelic Society will hold its annual exhibition, bourse and banquet at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Jan. 24-25-26. 250 frames will comprise the exhibit. The banquet will be on Saturday evening. Many prominent Chicago collectors are entering the exhibit and many more are expected at the banquet, to which all collectors are welcome.

Dayton, Ohio — A chapter of the American Air Mail Society was to be organized in this city on December 17, anniversary of the first Wright flight. No other details received.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — All officers were re-elected at the annual meeting on Dec. 2 of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh. The annual dinner, earlier in the evening was attended by 38 members and guests. A benefit auction netted \$64.

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Electric Eye Plate Markings

(Continued from page 116)

saved a great deal of care in making sure that Type I went to the old machine for perforating and that Type II be sent only to the new machine. The B. I. A. terms this last type as Type III. The first stamp issued with this type of marking was the 3c Presidential which had its official first day at Washington on Jan. 18, 1940. The stamp had however inadvertently been mixed in with regular shipments and copies are known postmarked in December, 1939. The 2c meanwhile had been printed as well and it was reported in the Bureau Specialist that specimens were located in local post office stock at Detroit near the end of December, 1939.

It is in Type III that the usual mixup occurs in identification. The only difference (aside from identifying plate numbers) between it and Type II is the inconspicuous solitary dash in the right margin, which by the vagaries of cutting may be found on either right pane (opposite stamp No. 100 of upper left pane or opposite stamp No. 10 of the lower right pane). Only the 2c Adams has occurred in all three Types, while the 3c Jefferson occurred only in Type I and Type III. When the first day release was made of Type II 2c some mailers sent first day covers with stamps having margins from the vertical gutter. Since these markings differed in no respect from those on Type I, such covers were worthless. Only stamps with left margins and from left panes could prove the first day. First day covers of the Convertibles must have the single marking found

one in each 400, the dash in right margin, to prove that first day. Of course, any stamp, such as the commemoratives, which have appeared with only one type of Electric Eye layout, is collectible with any identifiable piece of the margin showing electric eye marking.

Starting with the Printing Commemorative of 1939, the rotary press commemoratives have been Electric Eye. On these as with other stamps printed only by Electric Eye, a portion of attached margin is not necessary to prove that particular stamp is Electric Eye, since that fact is already established beyond any question.

The matter of identifying the Electric Eye markings correctly is simply a matter of understanding their purpose, and the slight changes made since 1935 to improve the quality of their work. Probably only the collector who is greatly interested in plate markings will collect all the variations, and most collectors will be content with specimens of the two or three basic types of markings.

ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS PLATE LAYOUT ARTICLES

Plate blocks bearing the top plate number with "F" have always been prized above others. This "F" was introduced around 1911 according to our records and was discontinued with the 3c Penn stamp of 1932 on plate 21075. The first flat plate without the "F" was plate 21096 for the 3c 1933 Oglethorpe and at that time plates began to be chromium plated and the identifying letters "CS" were stamped.

To indicate plates that had spacing other than usual between the rows, the Bureau back in 1908-09 added a star to the plate marking, the star preceding the plate number. This practice was revived on the 1922-25 series and is found on some plates of some values. Last plate to have it was 18691. On rotary press coils, stars have preceded the top plate number, but these will be mentioned in the article on those layouts.

To indicate certain plates having a new spacing between rows, the Bureau adopted, during printings of the 1908-1912 designs, the practice of putting an "A" alongside the plate number. After these plates were found satisfactory and all future plates were spaced this way, the "A" was dropped as unnecessary.

The "F" has been found other than alongside the plate number at top of top right panes. Through carelessness it was stamped in other positions and is known inverted.

• Cyril Harmer, son and active aide of Auctioneer H. R. Harmer is now serving with an anti-aircraft artillery division in England.

• How thoroughly non-Moslem Spain appreciates the help of the Moors in the Civil War can be seen by the use of the Moslem version of the current year ("940") on the latest batch of Spanish Morocco commemoratives.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

'TIS TRUE

Yes, the defense stamps are bureau printed. Shortly after I received the Chicago item the FORUM came in and it carried news of the San Diego and Davenport items. The latter being a NARROW. This then is the beginning of the much talked about Narrows and will be the signal for some tall scrambling for the past type Presidentials. All the Defense bureaus so far are of the 1c value. December no doubt will bring forth the other two values. Jamaica 1c Defense just came in.

NEW WRITER

Mr. Rolston Lyon of Washington D. C. will supply this column in the future with the Washington news. Mr. Lyon is a very capable and persevering gentleman for it was none other than he, who edited and published the "Dated Catalog" or check list.

DEFENSE BUREAU SHIPMENTS. NOV.

All 1c items: Fresno, Long Beach, Oakland, San Jose, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; New Haven, Conn.; Jacksonville, Saint Petersburg, Fla.; Peoria, Ill.; Evansville, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Burlington, Ia.; Kansas City, Kans.; Shreveport, La.; Adrian, Detroit, Mich.; Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Minn.; Lincoln, Neb.; Lakewood, Passiac, Trenton, N. J.; Elmira, Long Island City, Staten Island, N. Y.; Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton, OHIO.; Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Okla.; Upper Darby, Pa.; Nashville, Tenn.; Beaumont, Tex. and Madison, Wis.

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At the time this copy is being written we have on hand well over 100 orders for these proposed new pages as first offered in the November 30 issue of this paper. In that number we went into much detail, probably said so much that many of you who would have been interested, failed to read the entire offer and passed it up for it was a remarkable offer — when a fine ring binder is given away free with a dollar order, the offer must be remarkable.

In that number we pointed out that we must have assurance that we will be able to have orders for approximately 500 sets of pages or we could not afford to produce them and continue the production. We feel certain that if you could see these superb pages that we would quickly get orders for 500 sets. We do not necessarily have to have advance orders for a full 500 sets. If we can get advance orders for approximately 250 to 300 sets, we can then plan for a printing of 500 sets with the knowledge that they will find a ready market.

We will again briefly outline the proposed plan for these new U. S. Specialist Album Pages and solicit your order at once. We hope that we can get those pages ready for preparation in January. Of course, failing to get the necessary support we shall have to make cash refunds to all who have already sent their orders, but we feel certain that there are several hundred of our readers who will want these fine pages.

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